



City of Tucson - Quarterly Critical Project Status Report

Second Quarter, FY2003: October - December

Focus Area: Growth

Strategies for the Year

- Elevate long range comprehensive planning to the highest level priority for the City of Tucson.
- Ensure the balanced growth of the community.
- Implement the General Plan's cost of development strategy.
- Improve service delivery to address the demands of a growing community.

Project Name	Description	Accomplishments For Quarter	Projections for Next Quarter
Urban Design: Building & Development Guidelines	This project will establish design standards that will improve the built environment in Tucson. The project, consistent with the recommendations of the Building on the Best of Tucson program, will establish a Community Design Academy working in partnership with the Sonoran Institute. Informational materials will be produced that illustrates best practices for design in Tucson. Revising codes, standards, and procedures, to ensure better urban design will be key elements in this project.	Community Design Academy advisory group formed by Sonoran Institute in coordination with City staff. Twenty thousand dollars of City funds dispersed to support this effort.	Urban Land Institute Arizona, application for Technical Assistance Program.
Cost of Service Study	Analyze the cost of providing services citywide, and develop a Develop Impact Fee (DIF) program.	Selected Duncan and Associates as the lead consultant for the Cost of Service Study.	Prepare report outlining legal framework, policy analysis and feasibility analysis for development.
Houghton Corridor Master Plan	Undertake a comprehensive planning effort for the Houghton Corridor that integrates and updates land use, transportation, infrastructure, and service plans into a fiscally sound master plan.	Develop interim development policies for Mayor and Council to guide development of early State Land releases. Continue to monitor and provide technical support to Arizona Department of Transportation Houghton Road Corridor Study.	Kick-off meeting with the Citizen Review Committee.
Gateways to Downtown - Stone Avenue and Sixth Avenue	Upgrade properties and encourage reinvestment in key gateways to Downtown, the 6th Avenue and Stone Avenue Corridors. Builds on recent transportation improvements along 6th Avenue and the Stone Avenue Corridor Study recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awaiting federal environmental clearances so that construction may begin on the streetscape improvements from 6th to 1st. ADOT holding up project clearance and questioning 10 foot lanes. Meetings with ADOT officials will be held to resolve issues/concerns.- Design underway for three islands between Limberlost & Roger Roads for traffic calming and pedestrian safety. Federal environmental clearances will likely hold up project for up to one year.- Negotiations for the purchase of the bank building at Speedway/Stone for the intersection improvements, including a bus pullout.- Continue to work and monitor private investments/development in the corridor, such as the Stone Curves Co-Housing development, the "Standard" housing complex at former Ellis metal site, the Coronado Market at Ft. Lowell/Stone, the Sahara Motor Lodge, the Breckinridge Group at the Saharo Press bldg., and others as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Construction of the bicycle/pedestrian crossing at Stone & University Blvd. Ribbon-cutting expected in May, 2003.- Complete design of first phase of streetscape, bike and pedestrian improvements on Stone between 6th Street and 1st Street.- Design Concept Report (15% plans) completed for Speedway/Stone, Oracle/Main/Drachman & Speedway/Main intersections. An RFP to complete design will be issued for the Oracle/Main/Drachman and Speedway/Main intersections. Completion of design for the Speedway/Stone interim improvements is already under contract, which includes streetscape improvements to Drachman (second phase).



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Broadway Corridor Plan Update	Update findings of the 1990 Broadway Corridor Plan for the 12-mile segment between Houghton Road and Interstate 10. Project features a Major Investment Study/Alternatives Analysis to determine if there is Federal Transit Administration interest in funding high capacity transit improvements. Includes conducting conceptual right of way planning and pursuing redevelopment opportunities along the corridor.	Review similar Major Investment Studies conducted by other communities. Research Federal requirements for New Start program.	Submit Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 grant application that includes funding for Major Investment Study Alternatives Analysis.
Comprehensive Annexation Policies and Strategies	Develop comprehensive annexation policies and strategies. Includes development of policy to guide annexation efforts as well as criteria for analysis of revenues and costs to provide services.	Conducting on going annexation efforts. Identify strategic goals and objectives for annexation efforts.	Return to Mayor and Council with draft policies and strategy for conducting key annexation